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2002 Test Series

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Understanding Your Scores

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Special Accommodations

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General Educational Development Test



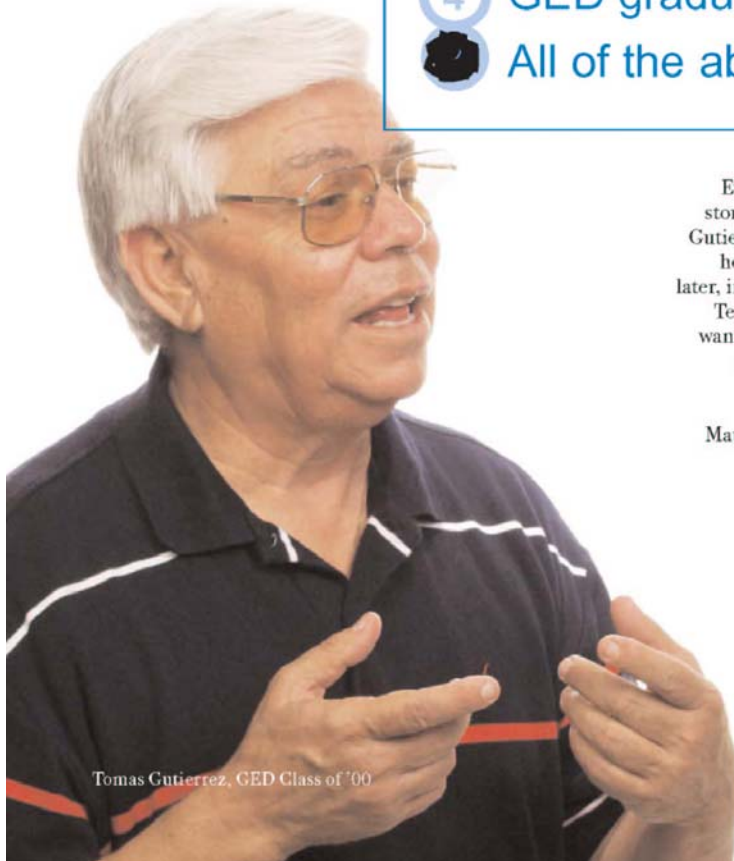
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**Adult Education,
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Who is Tomas Gutierrez?

- ① Father
- ② Semi-retired salesman
- ③ High school mentor
- ④ GED graduate, Texas
- All of the above



Tomas Gutierrez, GED Class of '00

Every person with a GED diploma has a story – 600,000 new stories a year. Tomas Gutierrez left high school his senior year to help support his family. Forty-one years later, in semi-retirement, he passed the GED Tests to earn the high school diploma he wanted for his children. Now, he's back in school in Corpus Christi, Texas – as a volunteer mentor.

Mature. Motivated. And ready to prove it.

The people who pass the GED Tests.

GED
prove yourself.

Learn how the GED Tests can work for you.

The GED Diploma: Proof of achievement



A national measure

The General Educational Development (GED) Tests are a nationally recognized assessment that give people from all walks of life an opportunity to certify their high school education. The high school credential earned by passing the GED Tests is accepted by more than 95 percent of U.S. employers, colleges, and universities.

The GED Tests also provide a uniform measure of high school achievement. The score means the same from Maine to California. And the 2002 edition reflects current high school curriculum standards and includes content related to the workplace and community.

The investment

The GED Tests cover the academic knowledge and skills learned in four years of high school: reading, writing, social studies, science, and mathematics. By passing the 7 1/2 hours of tests, GED diploma holders demonstrate the skills of communication, information processing, problem solving, and critical thinking.

The Fact Is: Four out of 10 high school graduates could not pass the GED Tests.

The return

Passing the GED Tests can mean big benefits—for the individual, for business, and for society. For many GED diploma holders, these tests are a first step toward better jobs, further training, or higher education. Two of every three people who take the GED Tests plan to obtain additional education. In college, GED diploma holders perform as well as traditional high school diploma holders.

GED diploma holders also are more likely to encourage their children to finish school. And many GED diploma holders say earning the credential helped them improve their self-image.

The Fact Is: The GED Tests measure many of the U.S. Labor Department's necessary workplace skills that are valued by employers.

The bottom line

GED diploma holders are a proven asset to their families, business, and society. Encourage adults who haven't earned a high school diploma to take the GED Tests and go on to the next level in life. Support GED instruction and testing in your community and the workplace. Put the GED Tests to work for you.

GED
prove yourself.



Test Preparation

GED instructional classes are available for persons who have not yet earned a GED or high school diploma. GED instruction is available in one-to-one settings, through traditional classroom settings and through public television broadcasts. Subjects include mathematics, reading from literature and the arts, writing, social studies and science. After an initial assessment has been completed to determine whether the student has the basic skills necessary to successfully complete the GED program, an individual plan is developed. Continuous evaluation is provided to ensure that students receive the level of instruction that is appropriate to their individual abilities and goals and to assist them in passing the national GED examination.

For further information and referral, contact:

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Testing

The GED Test is offered at more than 30 testing centers throughout Arizona. Testing schedules vary at the different testing centers; we suggest that you contact the testing center of your choice to get a schedule. For a list of testing centers and preparation classes in your area, please contact:

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Eligibility

The GED Test is available to adults 18 years of age and older, who do not have a high school diploma, and who are not currently enrolled in high school.

Students must bring two forms of identification, one must show picture, name, date of birth, signature, and current address.

Students between 16-18 must also provide:

- **Official Form of Withdrawal** from previous school, and
- **Notarized Letter of Permission** from parent/guardian

Cost/Fee's

Testing and retesting fees are determined by individual GED Testing Centers. Statewide fees are publicly posted at all GED Testing Centers.

Testing Accommodations

The GED test is available in English and Spanish.

Every candidate should have the opportunity to complete GED testing under appropriate testing conditions. Handicapping conditions of some candidates often prevent their being tested or tested fairly. Thus, special testing accommodations are available for those individuals. Extended time, individualized testing, frequent breaks, use of a calculator, adjustable furniture, or taking the audio cassette version are some examples of specialized testing. However, the General Education Testing Service in Washington, DC, requires extensive documentation for the need of such accommodations.

Specific learning disabilities must be documented by a professional with experience and training in diagnosing specific learning disabilities. For information concerning special testing accommodations, please contact your local testing center or the State GED Office (telephone 602-258-2410).



Testing Timelines

Please check with your local testing center for current guidelines on testing timelines.

Test Areas

- **Language Arts Writing:**
Part I: 50 questions, 75 minutes
Part II: One Essay, 45 minutes
- **Social Studies:**
50 questions, 70 minutes
- **Science:**
50 questions, 80 minutes
- **Language Arts, Reading:**
40 questions, 65 minutes
- **Mathematics:**
Part I: 25 questions, 45 minutes
optional calculator use
Part II: 25 questions, 45 minutes
no calculator use

Total: 240 questions, Approximately 7 hours
(Time is based on the English version of the test)

Scoring

Passing scores on the GED Test are:

- A minimum of 410 on each test;

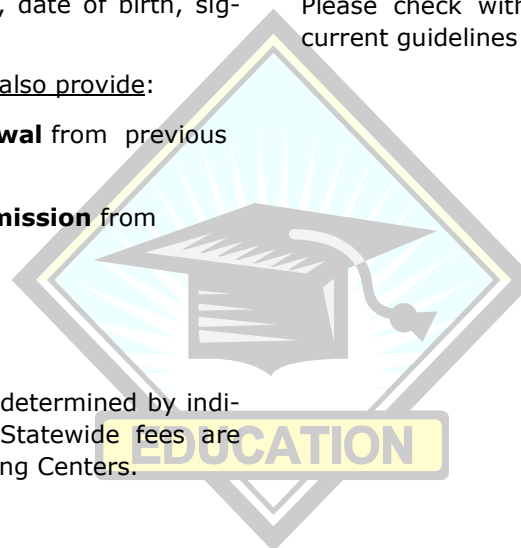
AND

- A combined total of 2250 points on all five tests with an average test score of 450.

Re-Testing

After a 30-day waiting period, an individual may retake any part of the test not passed. Candidates may retest only the number of times as there are test forms in a calendar year.

If the candidate fails to meet the required standards with the specified time of 36 months of initial testing, the candidate must repeat the entire test battery and pay the original test fee again.





Reporting the GED Test Results

Upon completion of testing, results are reported to individuals within approximately 30 days. Once an individual completes either the entire test battery or re-tests, the local GED testing center submits tests for scoring. If an individual successfully completes the GED, they are sent an official transcript and GED Diploma in the mail from the Arizona Department of Education, Adult Education Division, GED Testing Unit.

If an individual does not successfully complete the GED, scores are reported to the local GED testing center, which is responsible for reporting non-passing scores to individuals that test at their center.

Diplomas/Scores

- Unofficial scores will be mailed to the student approximately two weeks after completing the test.
- If the student passes, Official results will be mailed to the student approximately two to three weeks after the test has been scored.

Any individual who tested through an official Arizona GED Testing Center and whose last high school enrollment was in an Arizona high school, must request an official transcript directly from the Arizona State GED Testing Office. Individual high schools or colleges in Arizona do not have the authority to grant the Arizona High School Equivalency Diploma based on the GED test. Arizona statute authorizes the Arizona Department of Education, Adult Education Section, to administer and supervise the Arizona General Educational Development Test.

The Arizona High School Equivalency Diploma can only be issued based on the results of having one or more of the official GED tests taken in Arizona and meeting the standard average requirements.

Out-of-State Testing

Test results are accepted from out-of-state/out-of-country GED accredited agencies provided Arizona testing requirements are met. Although Arizona has no residency requirement, an examinee must take at least one test of the GED battery in this state.

Applicants must have their official test results documentation sent to the Arizona State GED Testing Office directly from their former state.

Examinees who have recently moved to Arizona from another state and have not completed their initial five tests of the battery, must adhere to the Arizona jurisdictional guidelines upon resuming testing in Arizona. Examinees having completed all five tests in the battery, but not meeting their previous state's requirement, must adhere to the three year retesting policy upon resuming testing in Arizona. NOTE: Out-of-state applicants meeting the Arizona testing requirement and not possessing a GED, may be considered for an Arizona GED High School Equivalency Diploma through the Arizona State GED Testing Office.

Official Transcripts

Official Transcripts are available through the Arizona State GED Testing Office with a written and signed request and a \$10.00 fee. Please call (602) 254-0265 or go to www.ade.az.gov/adult-ed



Why GED?

Every year, hundreds of thousands of people get their GED Diplomas. People like you. Maybe you had to leave high school to help take care of your family. Maybe you felt you just didn't 'fit in' with the kids at the high school you attended, or maybe you just didn't believe the high school diploma would really mean anything, and now you know what it means to NOT have it.

It's not too late. The GED program provides an opportunity to earn your high school equivalency diploma outside of school. It could be one of the best things you ever do for yourself.

The Benefits...

Getting a Better Job

An overwhelming majority of jobs in this country require a high school diploma. An Official GED Transcript is accepted by most employers, just like a high school diploma.

Continuing Your Education

An official GED Transcript is accepted at most colleges and universities across the country as proof that you have completed your high school education. Some colleges even have scholarship programs for GED graduates.

Feeling Self-Respect

By earning their Diploma, many GED graduates experience a remarkable improvement in how they feel about themselves and their lives. It makes a difference!

Increasing Your Income

Income increases with your level of education. A better job usually means better pay.

Invest in the Future

Educated parents have better educated children. Earning a GED Diploma isn't only an investment in yourself, it is also an investment in the future of your children.

The General Educational Development (GED) Test measures your knowledge and academic skills against those of today's traditional high school graduates.

What are the GED Tests?

• **Writing Skills / Essay**

• **Social Studies**

• **Science**

• **Literature and the Arts**

• **Mathematics**

Most test questions require the understanding of broad concepts and generalizations, rather than the ability to remember facts, details, or precise definitions.

Each of the five tests in the GED Battery is developed from specifications established by experienced secondary school and adult educators and is reviewed by subject area experts. Multiple reviews by test specialists were conducted before assembly of the final test forms.

The GED Test is then standardized using a national sampling of graduating high school seniors. Arizona participates in the sampling study. These seniors establish the performance standards required of examinees to receive a GED credential.